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TAGS: GATT ETRD

SUBJECT: GATT PANELS ON DISC AND RELATED TAX PRACTICES

REF: GENEVA 0938 (NOTAL)

1. FRENCH GATT REP (COLMANT) CALLED US TO ASK WHETHER US WAS PLANNING TO MAKE SUBMISSION CONCERNING OUR COMPLAINT RE FRENCH TAX PRACTICES IN ADVANCE OF FIRST MEETING OF PANELS. WE REPLIED US HAD PROPOSED THAT VARIOUS PARTIES ALL SUMBIT PAPERS BY MARCH 1, BUT THAT NEGATIVE RESPONSE WE HAD RECEIVED FROM EC CONCERNING DISC (REFTTEL) MADE US DOUBTFUL WHETHER WE WOULD WANT TO SUBMIT OUR OWN PAPERS BEFORE COMMUNITY WILLING TO DO

LIKEWISE. WE UNDERTOOK, HOWEVER, TO RELAY REQUEST TO WASHINGTON. COLMANT FURTHER ADDED THAT EVEN  
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IF WE NOT PREPARED MAKE WRITTEN SUBMISSION IN

ADVANCE HIS PEOPLE WOULD APPRECIATE ANYTHING WE  
MIGHT HAVE IN WRITING FROM PAST CONCERNING DETAILS  
OF OUR COMPLAINT. GUIDANCE REQUESTED.

2. WE NOTED WE SOMEWHAT SURPRISED THAT LUYTEN  
LETTER (QUOTED REFTTEL) INDICATED THAT COMMUNITY  
AS SUCH WAS CONCERNED ONLY WITH PANEL CONSIDERATION  
OF DISC AND OT WITH FRENCH, BELGIUM AND DUTCH  
PRACTICES US COMPLAINING AGAINST. COLMANT RESPONDED  
THAT AS FAR AS FRANCE CONCERNED, THEY MUCH  
PREFERREED DEFENT THEIR OWN CASE WITH THEIR  
OWN EXPERTS RATHER THAN RELYING ON COMMISSION. BRUNGART

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